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New Wilderness on the Wenatchee National Forest

Washington Wilderness Act of 1984

- Glacier Peak (additions)
- Goat Rocks (additions)
- Henry M. Jackson
- Lake Chelan-Sawtooth
- Norse Peak
- William O. Douglas

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Wilderness

In the early 1900's, people became concerned that the Nation's wildlands were disappearing. In 1924 the Forest Service became the first federal agency to protect wilderness lands under its jurisdiction. In 1964 Congress passed the Wilderness Act which established a National Wilderness Preservation System. The Act defines wilderness this way: "A wilderness . . . is hereby recognized as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammeled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain."

Wilderness holds special values for each person who appreciates it. To some, these wildlands represent an opportunity to reflect on the role of humankind as a part of the community of life rather than as nature's conqueror. To others, wilderness provides a temporary escape from the pressures of a highly technological and demanding society.

Wilderness has significant scientific values. It provides a comparison between relatively unaltered lands and those more intensively managed or manipulated by people for their use.

No Trace

Wilderness can remain wild for future generations if we use it today without leaving a trace.

Here's how:

LITTER—Pack out all litter, especially foil packaging which does not burn.

HUMAN WASTE—Select a spot at least 200 feet from open water, and dig a hole no deeper than 6 to 8 inches to take advantage of the soil's natural ability to decompose organic material. Cover it with dirt after use.

CAMPFIRES—The results of collecting wood and building campfires are an apparent sign of human activity. If a fire is absolutely necessary, build it in a safe spot where fires have been built before, and keep it small. A small stove provides a more efficient means of cooking, and leaves no scar.

CAMPING—Pitch your tent so no drainage ditch is required. Replace rocks and other materials removed from sleeping areas.

Motorized and Mechanical Equipment—Motorized equipment is prohibited in wilderness, except for small, battery-powered, hand-held devices such as cameras and shavers. Use of aircraft, including landings and airdrops, is prohibited.

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WENATCHEE & MT. BAKER-SNOQUALMIE NATIONAL FORESTS

LAKE WENATCHEE, ENTIAT, CHELAN, & DARRINGTON RANGER DISTRICTS

GLACIER PEAK WILDERNESS

SIZE: 112,607 acres of additions
464,258 acres original area
576,865 acres total Wilderness

KEY ACCESS POINTS: On the west side, Highway 20 accesses FS Road numbers 23 and 49, and Highway 530 accesses FS Road #26; and on the east side, U.S. Highway 2 to State Highway 207 and FS Roads #293, #311, and #2815, and U.S. Highway 97 to Entiat Valley Rd. #317 or via Lucerne on Lake Chelan to Rd. #3100 - all FS roads lead to trailheads accessing the Wilderness.

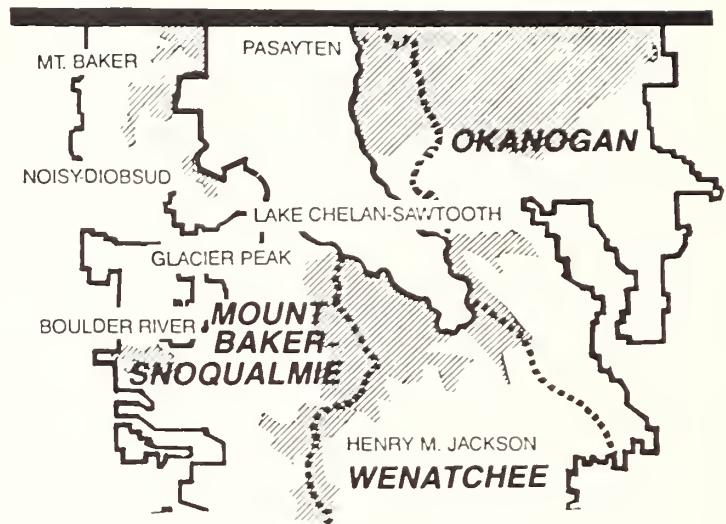
MILES OF TRAIL: 450 miles

ELEVATION RANGE: From 2,000 feet to 10,541 feet on Glacier Peak

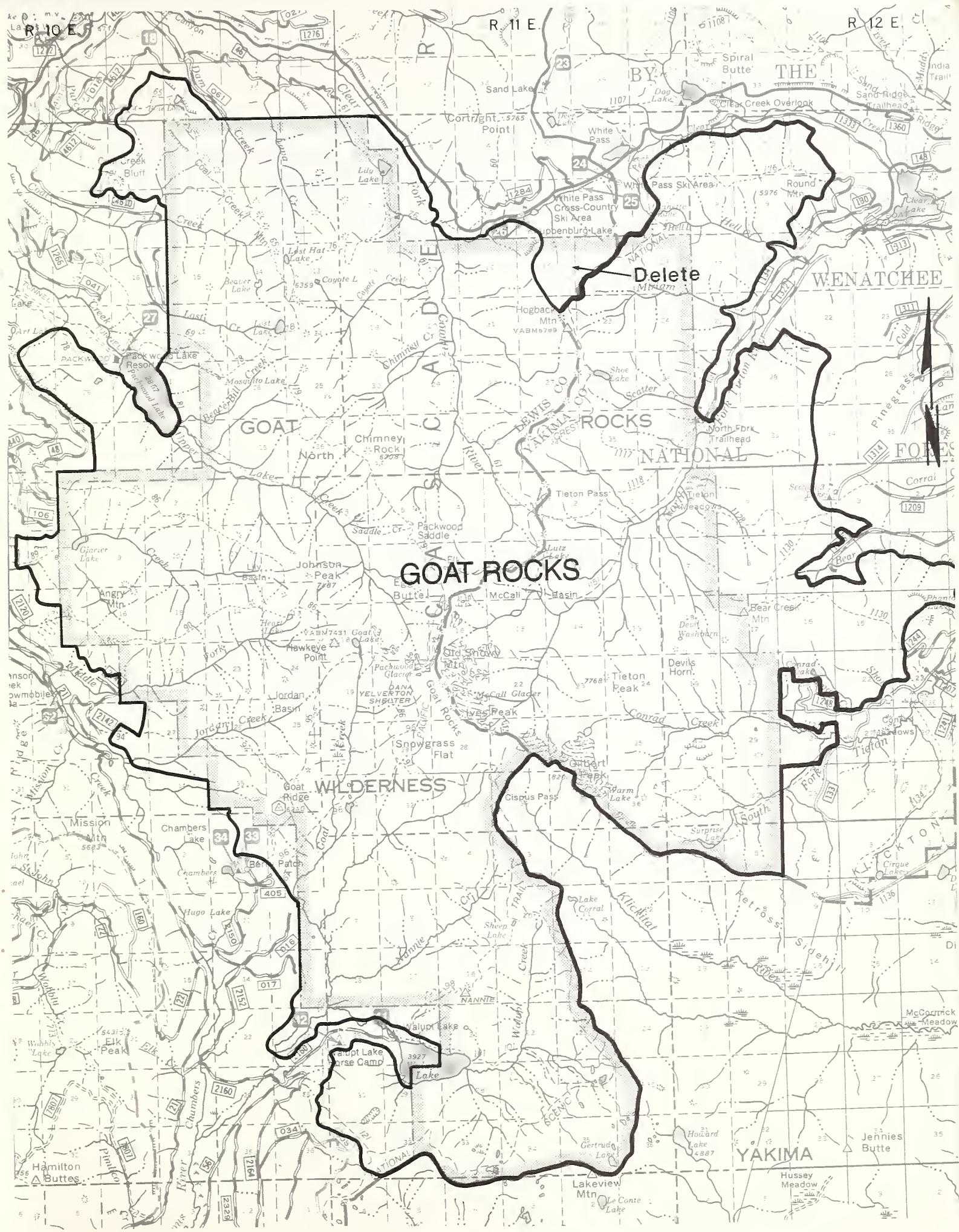
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The Glacier Peak Wilderness is located within portions of Chelan, Snohomish, and Skagit Counties in the northern Cascade Mountains. The area is characterized by heavily forested stream courses, steep sided valleys, and dramatic glacier crowned peaks. The area contains numerous streams and many small high elevation lakes. It contains more active glaciers than any other area within the lower forty-eight states. Glacier Peak, a dormant volcano, is the dominant geologic feature. Forest vegetation is comprised of true firs, spruce, and hemlock, as well as stands of pine on eastern slopes. Various species of wildlife inhabit the area and include deer, elk, bear, mountain goat, marten, and lynx. Grouse are found throughout the area, and the primary fishery is cutthroat trout. Other species include eastern brook, german brown, rainbow, dolly varden; and sockeye, steelhead, and chinook salmon. At Twin Lakes, the State Department of Fish and Game operates a cutthroat trout egg breeding area; the only one in the state.

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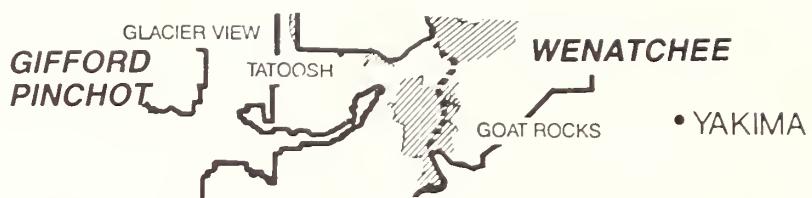




WENATCHEE & GIFFORD PINCHOT NATIONAL FORESTS
NACHES & PACKWOOD RANGER DISTRICTS

GOAT ROCKS WILDERNESS

SIZE: 22,953 acres of additions
82,680 acres original area
105,633 acres total Wilderness



KEY ACCESS POINTS: Highway 12 to FS Rds. #1406, #1408, and #134, and PCT #2000 and other trailheads from the north; I-5 to Highway 12 to FS Rds. #1114 and #1104 from the southwest.

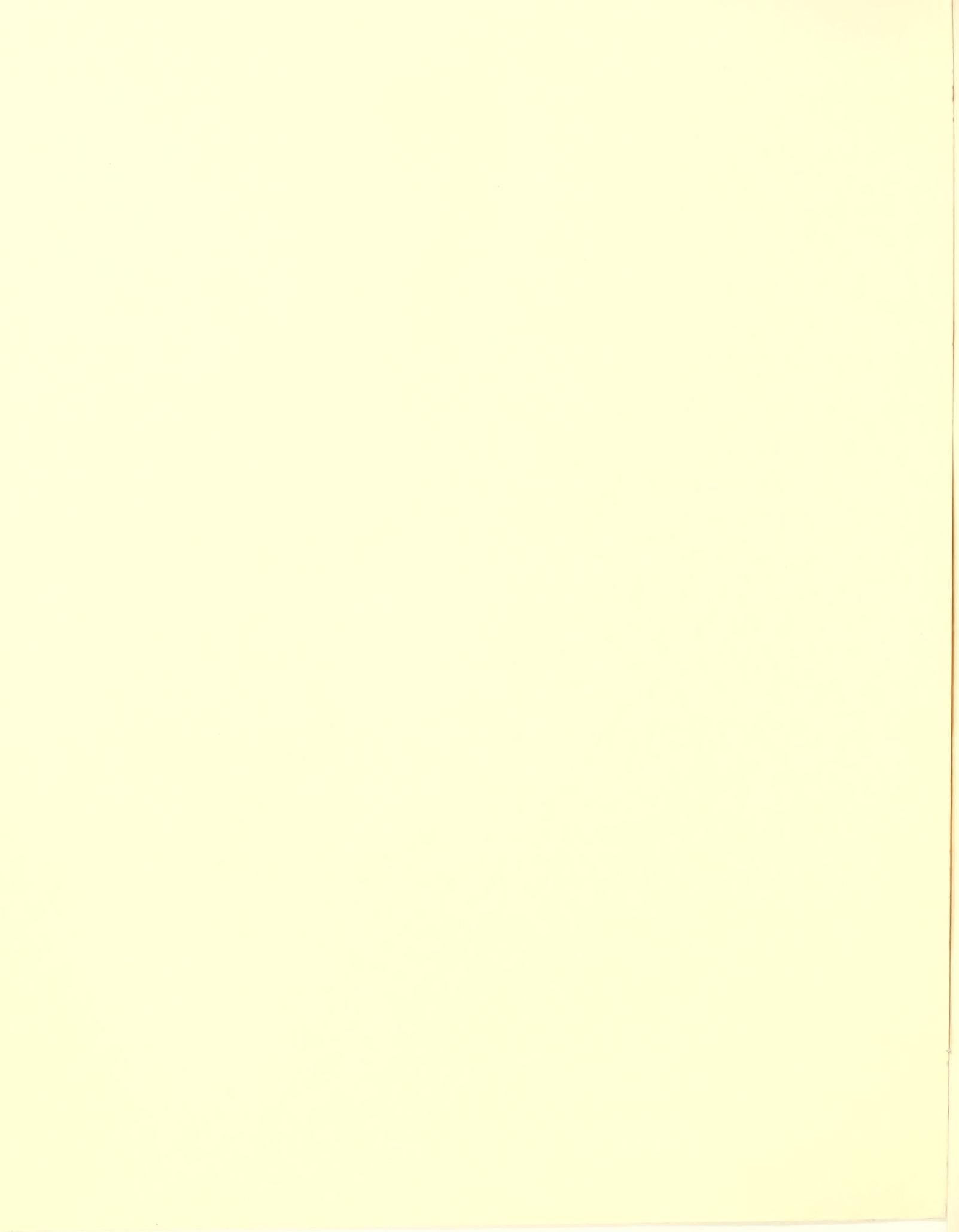
MILES OF TRAIL: Approximately 120 miles

ELEVATION RANGE: From 3,000 feet in river valley bottoms to 8,200 feet on Gilbert Peak.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The Goat Rocks Wilderness is located in portions of both Yakima and Lewis Counties, generally between Mt. Rainier and Mt. Adams. The area is bounded by U.S. Highway 12 and the White Pass Ski area on the north and the Yakima Indian Reservation on the southeast. The Tieton and Klickitat River systems drain the east side of the wilderness, and streams of the Cowlitz River system feed from the west side. Vegetation types consist of true firs and hemlocks as well as some Alaska yellow cedar and western white pine. The alpine soils are shallow and rocky. A recent influence on these soils was the May 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens which deposited a layer of ash on the area which was several inches thick in places. Wildlife populations include deer, elk, coyotes, bear, pika, northern three-toed woodpecker, and martin. Mountain goats may be sighted within the area. Game birds such as blue, ruffed, and spruce grouse are also present. Streams and lakes support cutthroat and rainbow trout. Dolly Varden trout inhabit the North Fork of the Tieton River. The Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail Traverses the Wilderness from north to south.

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Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie & Wenatchee National Forests
Darrington Ranger District
Skykomish Ranger District
Lake Wenatchee Ranger District

HENRY M. JACKSON WILDERNESS

SIZE: 103,591 acres

KEY ACCESS POINTS:

1. East of Granite Falls to Mt. Loop Hwy. via Barlow Pass and the North Fork of Sloan Creek to trail #648, the Cougar Lake Trail.
2. Stevens Pass. Pacific Crest Trail 2 miles north to Wilderness.
3. NE from the town of Index, North Fork Skykomish River Road #63. All trails north of Garland Mineral Springs.
4. U.S. Highway 2 to Smithbrook/Rainy Creek Road #2728 to access the southern portion; U.S. Highway 2 to State Highway 207 to Little Wenatchee Road #283 and Heather Lake Trailhead Road #2801 in the northern portion. Main trail access is via Little Wenatchee Trail #1525, Cady Creek Trail #1501 and Cady Ridge Trail #1532.

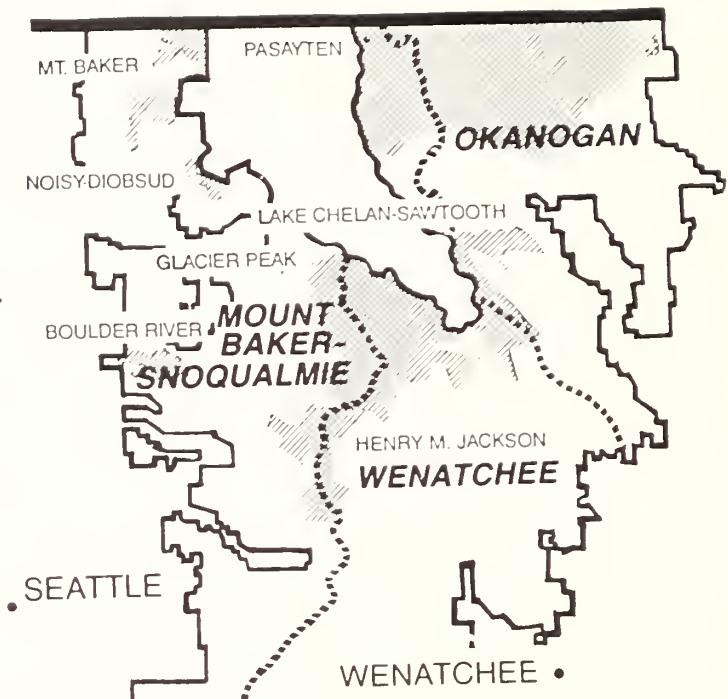
MILES OF TRAIL: 49 miles

ELEVATION RANGE: 2,350 - 7,835 feet
(Sloan Peak)

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Henry M. Jackson Wilderness is located within Snohomish, King, and Chelan Counties. This area is adjacent to the existing Glacier Peak Wilderness. Streams in the northern portion of this area drain into the Sauk River, while the southern portion is drained by the Skykomish River. The southern portion lies adjacent to the Old Cascade Tunnel and Nason Creek. The vegetation includes cedar, Douglas-fir, true firs, spruce, western and mountain hemlock, and at higher elevation, alpine meadows. The area supports cougar, mountain goat, marten, lynx and hoary marmot. Deer is the major big game species. Blue grouse also inhabit the area. Cutthroat trout is the main fishery.

The terrain is rugged, with steep slopes and finger ridges dissected by small intermittent or permanent drainages. Main features of the area include Cady Creek Ridge and Creek. The Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail traverses the south portion of the Wilderness. The area is rich in mining history with approximately 900 acres of patented mining claims within the Wilderness. This area contains approximately 30 lakes which receive moderate fishing pressure and use by horse-back riders.



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OTHER FEATURES:

Cross-Cascade Indian trails paralleled the Little Wenatchee River and provided routes for later exploring parties such as the 1860 E.F. Cady party for whom Cady Pass and Creek were named.

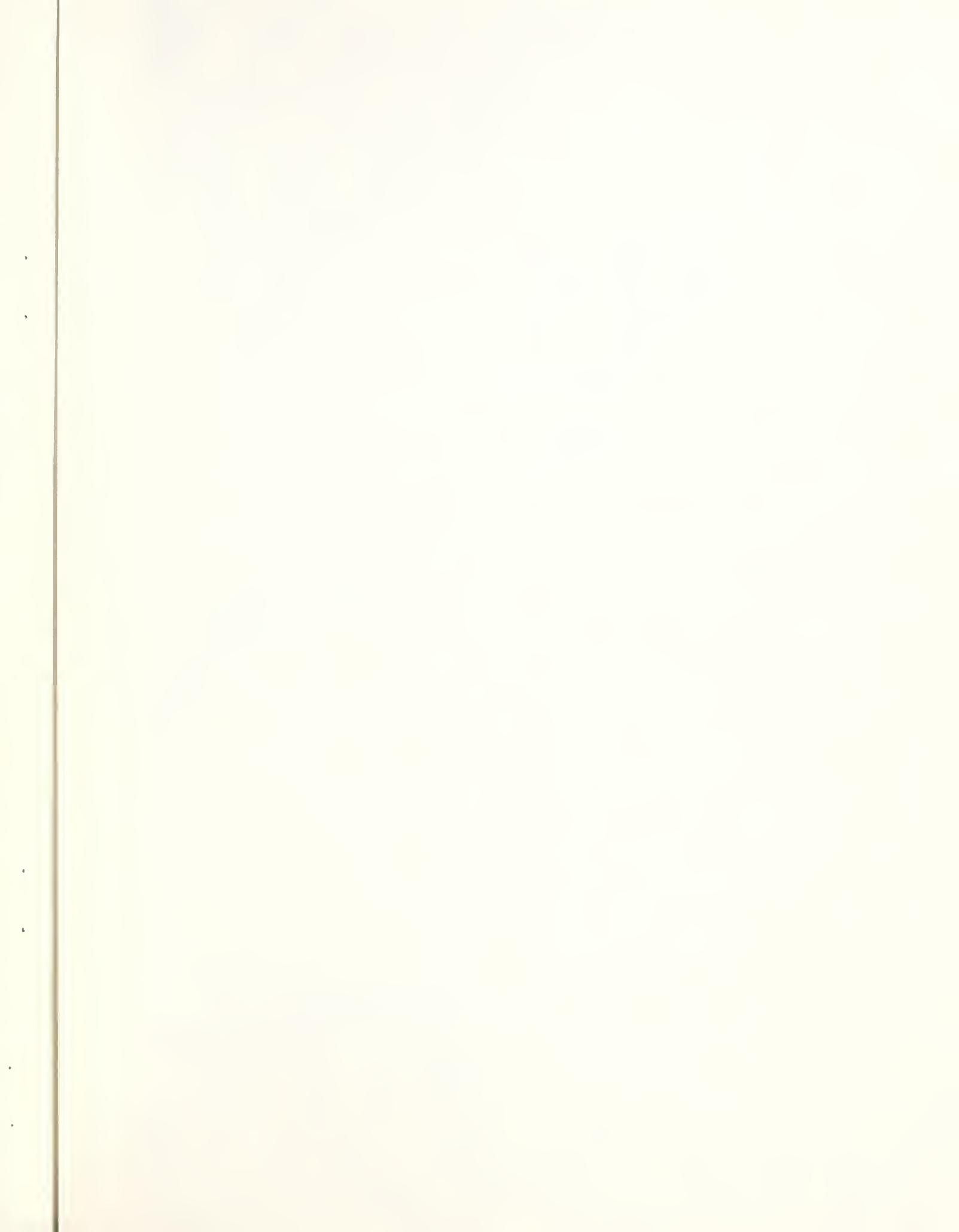
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ADMINISTRATIVE CONTACT POINT:

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SKYKOMISH RANGER DISTRICT - SKYKOMISH, WA 98288, 1-206-677-2414.

LAKE WENATCHEE RANGER DISTRICT, STAR ROUTE BOX 109, LEAVENWORTH WA 98826,
1-509-763-3103.





WENATCHEE & OKANOGAN NATIONAL FORESTS

CHELAN, TWISP, AND WINTHROP RANGER DISTRICTS

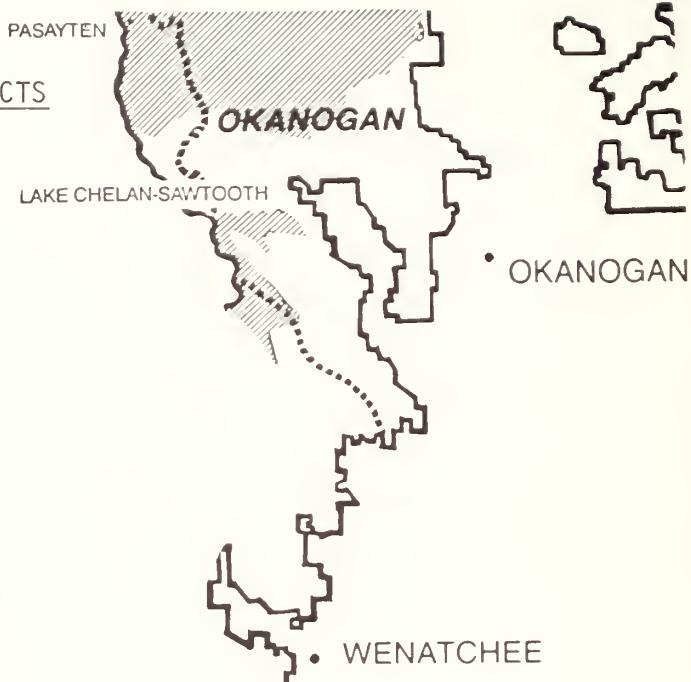
LAKE CHELAN-SAWTOOTH WILDERNESS

SIZE: 145,667 acres

KEY ACCESS POINTS: Along Lake Chelan, the trailhead at Prince Creek accesses Prince Creek Tr. #1255 and Lakeshore Tr. #1247; in the northern portion, access is possible via the Twisp River Road, Libby Creek Road, Buttermilk Creek Road, and Wolf Creek Trail

MILES OF TRAIL: Approximately 194 miles

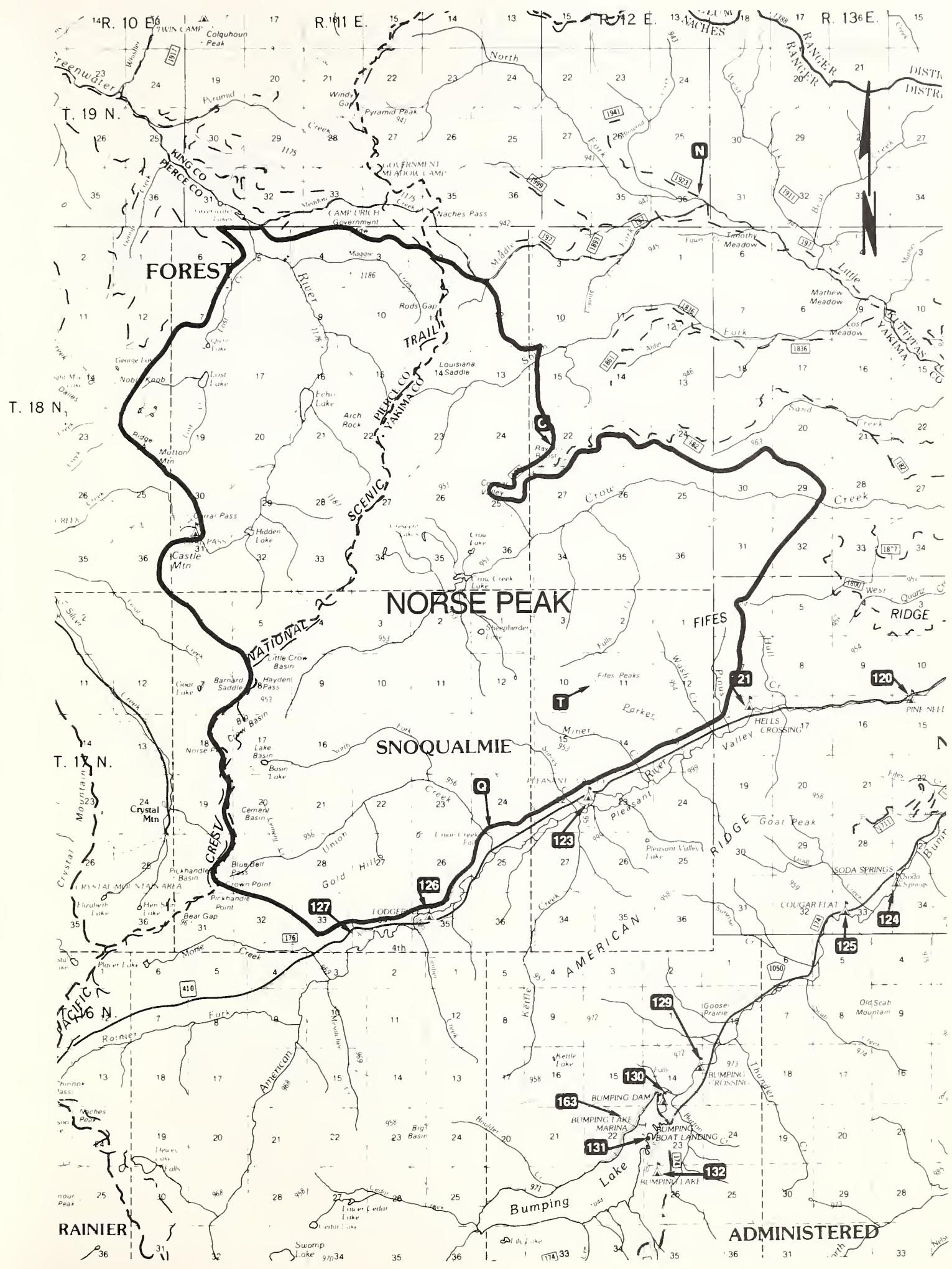
ELEVATION RANGE: From 1,100 feet on the surface of Lake Chelan to 8,974 feet on North Gardner Mountain



GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in Chelan and Okanogan Counties, the Wilderness borders include the north shore of Lake Chelan, the North Cascades National Recreation area to the northwest, and the Sawtooth Mountains to the Northeast. Fifty-one mile long Lake Chelan is a significant feature of interest adjacent to the Wilderness. A diversity of landforms is found in the area including sharp rocky canyons, deep mountain valley, and jagged peaks. A great variety of habitat is represented by alpine meadows, subalpine fir forests, lodgepole pine thickets, grassy openings, large Douglas-fir and Englemann spruce, hardwoods, and sagebrush. Numerous high mountain lakes are found in the area. Wildlife includes mule deer, elk, mountain goat, cougar, and black bear. Bald and Golden eagles are commonly seen in winter months. Rattlesnakes are numerous on dry slopes. Extensive mineral exploration and development has occurred over the last hundred years.

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MT. BAKER-SNOQUALMIE & WENATCHEE NATIONAL FORESTS

WHITE RIVER & NACHES RANGER DISTRICTS

NORSE PEAK WILDERNESS

SIZE: 50,923 acres

KEY ACCESS POINTS:

1. Highway 410 to Crystal Mt. turnoff. Four miles to Norse Peak Trailhead #953.
2. Highway 410 to FS Rd. #7174 to road end at Corral Pass. Trail numbers 1155 and 1184.
3. Greenriver Rd. to Hines Camp. Greenwater River Trail #1175.
4. Highway 410 to Tr. #953; and FS Rd. #182 to Tr. #951.

MILES OF TRAIL: 52 miles

ELEVATION RANGE: 3,200 to 6,858 on
Norse Peak

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The Norse Peak Wilderness is located in northeastern Pierce County and northwestern Yakima County. The area straddles the Cascade Crest between Chinook and Naches Pass. Topography is generally high and steep with rocky terrain at the high elevations, narrow valleys, mountain lakes, and open park-like basins. Vegetation includes Douglas-fir, true firs, western and mountain hemlock, ponderosa and white pine, Englemann spruce, as well as some lodgepole pine, larch, and Alaskan and red cedar. A variety of wildlife inhabits the area including mule and blacktail deer, elk, black bear, mountain goat, Canada lynx, cougar, fisher, and wolverine. Game birds include spruce, ruffed, and blue grouse. Cutthroat, rainbow, and eastern brook trout are found in area waters. Some deposits of placer gold at the heads of Morse and Crow Creeks are of interest to recreational miners. A notable attraction is Fife's Peak which is made up of a remnant volcanic cone. Norse Peak is a prominent feature.

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